

III. REMARKS

Claims 1-78 were pending in this application. Claims 33, 49, and 73-78 are cancelled without prejudice to pursuing these claims in a continuing application. Claims 34-37, 41-42, and 45 are amended. Upon entry of these amendments, claims 1-32, 34-48, and 50-72 will be pending and under active consideration.

Claims 34-37, 41-42, and 45 are amended to restrict the scope of the claim to the elected invention. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments are fully supported by the instant specification and request entry of the amendments presented herein.

IV. CONCLUSION

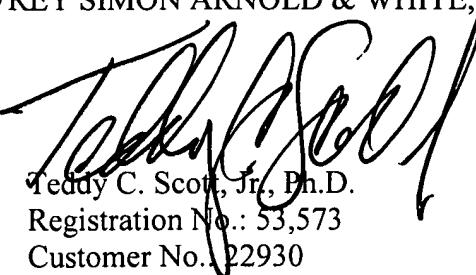
Applicants respectfully submit that this reply is fully responsive to the Office Action in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Should the Examiner determine that this reply is insufficient, Applicants respectfully request prompt notification, so that any error or omission may be corrected.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in good and proper order for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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